Act 27

Dmitri Ivanov I

I WAS ONE OF THE YOUNG OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO GUARD THE ROYAL FAMILY.

WHEN THE REVOLUTION CAME AND THE ROMANOV DYNASTY WAS OVERTHROWN, I WAS 23 YEARS OLD.

THAT WAS MY TITLE WHEN I WAS A HUMAN.

DMITRI IVANOV, LEYTENÁNT OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE...

BUT ...

BOZHE... GOD IN HEAVEN... THAT TITLE NO LONGER HAS ANY MEANING.

HERE... LET ME GIVE YOU SOMETHING.

YES, MA'AM! HOWEVER, I PROMISE TO CARRY OUT MY DUTIES...

MY, YOU'RE QUITE YOUNG FOR A LIEUTENANT.

IT'S A MEDAL FOR THE SOLDIER WHO'S GOING TO PROTECT US!

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I WAS TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ...

WAS EXECUTED BY THE BOLSHEVIKS.

BEGINNING WITH HIS HOUSEHOLD, EVERY MEMBER OF CZAR NICHOLAS II'S FAMILY ...

OF MOMENTS ...

AT THAT MOST CRU-CIAL ...

BOZHE ...

AND THOUGH MORE THAN EIGHTY YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN...

I, WHO WAS UNABLE TO SAVE THOSE WHOM I WAS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT... WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING...?

WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME?

I BEGAN TO FIGHT THE AUTOMATA. AND THAT IS WHAT I HAVE DONE UP UNTIL THE PRESENT MOMENT.

THE REASON I FOUGHT WAS TO STOP THEM FROM SPREADING DISEASE THROUGH THE WORLD...

MY REAL MISSION WAS NONE SUCH AS THAT.

BUT, BOZHE ...

TO CARRY OUT THE REVENGE OF ALL THOSE WHO SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THAT DISEASE ...

YES... NOW I CAN FINALLY GO WHERE I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO.

BOZHE... THE PLACE I OUGHT TO GO...

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THAT'S RIGHT.

IT MUST SURELY BE HELL ...

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INTO HELL.

THAT HE CAME HERE TO CALL ME ...

AND I REAL-IZED...

HE APPEARED BEFORE ME SUDDENLY, AS I WAS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.

BOZHE ...

YES ...

HEY. YOU'RE DMITRI, RIGHT? YOU OKAY?

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NARUMI, WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHY AREN'T YOU HEADING FOR THE DOLL FRANCINE?!

A BOG SMERTI.

THIS IS AN ANGEL OF DEATH YOU HAVE SENT TO ME...

YOU CAN'T HAVE COME HERE TO SAVE US...?

I JUST THOUGHT ...

IT'D BE BETTER IF EVERYBODY WENT.

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YOU'RE FALLING APART AT THE SEAMS! DO YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU CAN FIGHT ME IN THAT CONDITION?!

HAHAHA! DREAM ON, MORON!

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NARUMI, STOP! WE WILL BE THE ONES TO FIGHT!

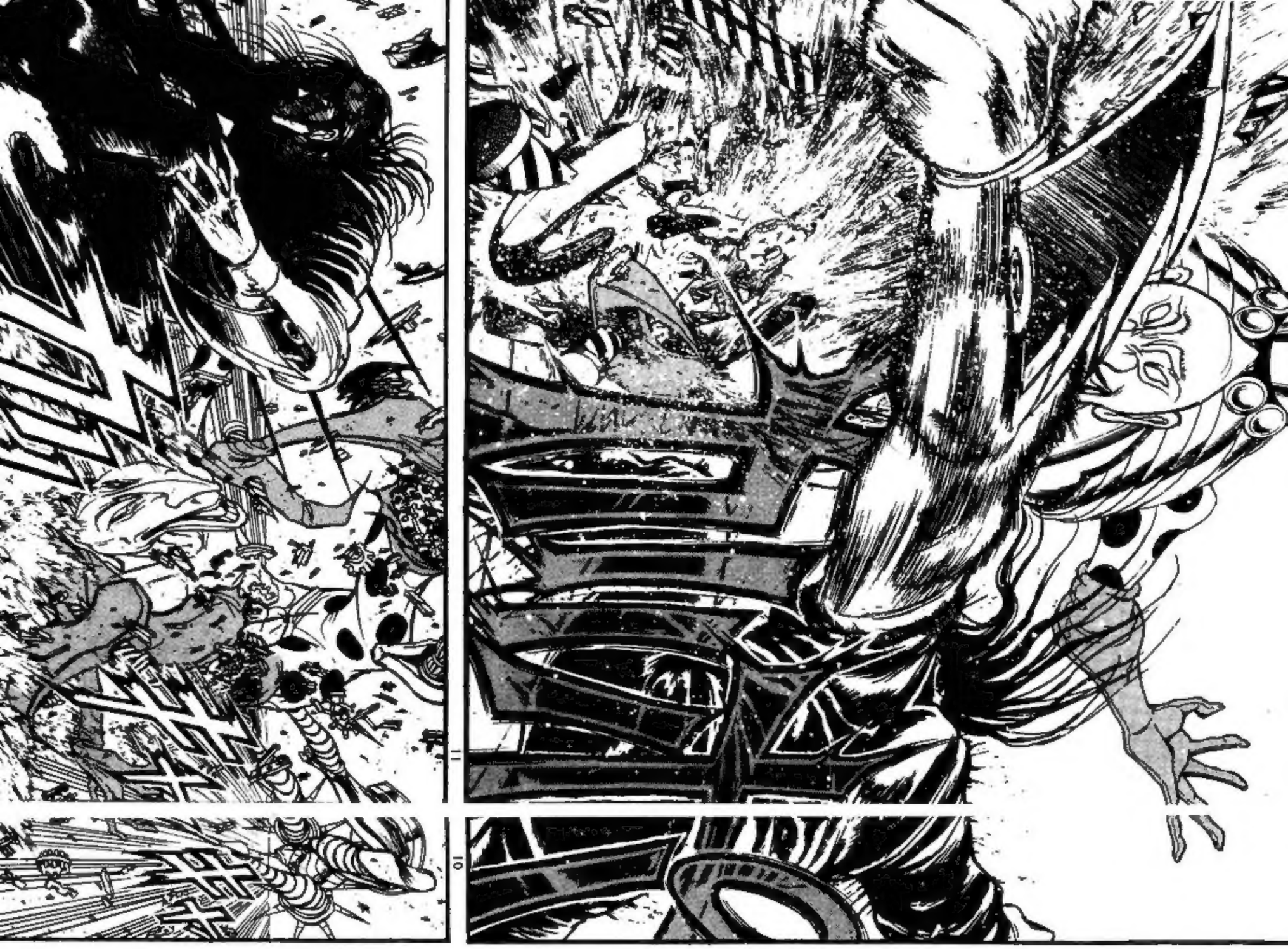
GGH ...

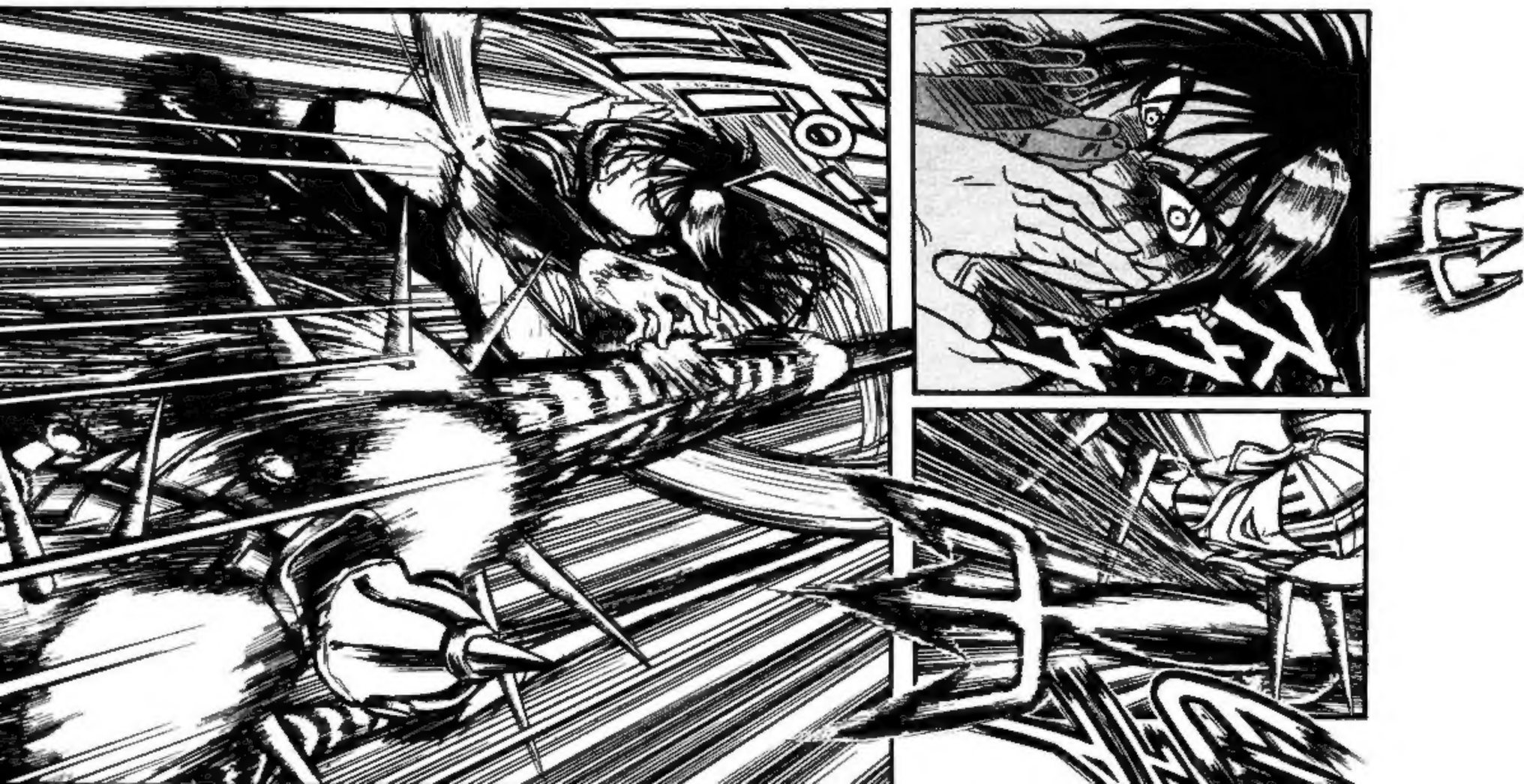
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE LOW ON TIME, TOR.

WE'LL FINISH YOU OFF QUICK!

SO WE'LL LET YOU JOIN IN. HERE WE COME!

DAMN IT...!





HE... MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE ...

NO ...

HE DID IT!

DAMN IIIIT! HOW DARE YOU?!

WAS FASTER THAN ME ...!

YOUR... YOUR ATTACK ...

FUFUFU... LOOKS LIKE YOU SPENT A BIT TOO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT ON SPEEDY FRANK.

N-NA-RUMI!

IS THAT ...

WHAT YOU THINK?

SO YOU'RE GOING TO DIE IN VAIN, AFTER ALL.

LOSING THAT MUCH BLOOD SHOULD PROVE FATAL EVEN FOR A SHIROGANE, NO?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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THAT'S WHAT I CAME HERE FOR!

THOSE TWO OVER THERE ARE STILL DOING FINE...

EVEN YOUR PRECIOUS FRANCINE IS SURE TO HAVE A LITTLE TROUBLE, DON'TCHA THINK...?

I MIGHT NOT BE DOING TOO WELL, BUT AS LONG AS THOSE TWO GET TO THE DOLL FRANCINE UNHARMED...

OH, THIS *IS* A SURPRISE. ORDINARILY YOU SHIROGANE NEVER SHUT UP ABOUT HOW YOU WANT TO *PERSONALLY* DESTROY LADY FRANCINE. YET YOU'RE PLANNING TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF AND GIVE UP THE HONOR TO SOMEONE ELSE?

THAT GUY FACELESS SAVED ME ...

MIGHT AS WELL BEAT YOU DOWN WHILE I'M ON MY WAY OUT.

BUT I'M SO BEAT UP AT THIS POINT, I MIGHT NOT HAVE A CHOICE ...

WELL, I'D LIKE TO DO IT WITH MY OWN HANDS, IF THAT'S AT ALL POSSIBLE ...

NARUMI, STOP! I AM STILL CAPABLE OF FIGHTING!

I FIGURE THIS TIME IT'S MY TURN TO DO WHAT I CAN...

YOU ARE THE BOG SMERTI SENT TO ESCORT ME.

DAMN IT... IF ONLY WE WEREN'T ... STUCK LIKE THIS ...!

NARUM! ... YOU CAN'T ...

OH, MY. ISN'T THAT SWEET.

I'VE MET MY FELLOW SHIRO-GANE.

I CAN DO THIS **BECAUSE** ...

HOW CAN A BOG SMERTI DIE BEFORE I DO...?

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AM I TO BE LEFT BEHIND ONCE AGAIN ...?

I ...

WASN'T ABLE TO SAVE HER.

IN THE ZONAPHA WARD, I MET THIS LITTLE GIRL NAMED BETH.

SHE GAVE ME HER TEDDY BEAR.

AFTER THAT HAPPENED, I STARTED FIGHTING THE AUTOMATA.

WHAT HAPPENED TO BETH WAS TERRIBLE, BUT I THOUGHT... IF I KEPT ON FIGHTING...

MAYBE EVEN SOMEONE LIKE ME... COULD SAVE ANOTHER BETH, SOMEDAY.

BUT THEN I CAME HERE, AND I MET MY FELLOW SHIROGANE.

AND I THOUGHT ...

EVEN IF I DON'T SUCCEED, YOU GUYS CAN SAVE HER FOR ME.

AND IF YOU GUYS DON'T SUCCEED, SOME OTHER SHIROGANE WILL, SOMEDAY.

ALL THAT WE CAN DO... IS KEEP FIGHTING FOR THOSE WHO ARE WEAKER THAN US.

AND I BET THAT'S HOW HUMANS HAVE ALWAYS WORKED...

I STARTED TO PUT MY TRUST IN THAT.

THIS MAN IS NO BOG SMERT! USHERING ME INTO HELL.

BOZHE ...

ALL I'VE DONE IS LOOK FOR A PLACE TO DIE ...

I HAVEN'T TAKEN A SINGLE STEP FORWARD SINCE THAT DAY.

WHAT... WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING?!

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YOU CERTAINLY ARE TALKING A LOT FOR SOMEONE SO CLOSE TO DEATH. OH, I SEE WHY THAT IS...

HE IS ...!!

BOZHE ...

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THIS TIME I'LL BE SURE TO PIERCE YOUR BRAIN!

IT'S BECAUSE THAT HEAD OF YOURS IS STILL ATTACHED!

GRANT ME STRENGTH!

BOZHE ....!

I SWEAR TO YOU, THIS TIME I WILL SUCCEED !!!

BOZHE... DEAR GOD ABOVE ...!

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